GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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USE OF INTOXICANT DRUGS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the psychotropic substances to be Derutropropoxsifin Methamphetamine are being used in manufacturing of some controlled medicines;

(b) whether it is a fact that companies manufacturing indigenous viagra are using these psychotropic substances for their brands;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the casualties are taking place in Mizoram every day due to use of desetropropoxcin in the manufacturing of spasmo-pronivan; and

(d) if so, whether the Government are proposed to take effective steps to prevent the misuse of those controlled drugs manufactured by using some psychotropic substances?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Dextroproposyphene (and not Derutropropoxsifin) is being used in manufacture of various drug formulations, along with analgesics like Paracetamol and anti-spasmodics like Dicyclomine, which are required to be sold against prescription of a Registered Medical Practitioners. Methamphetamine has been placed under Schedule X of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules to strictly restrict its availability and to ensure that it is sold only against prescription of a Registered Medical Practitioners.

(b) There are no reports about the manufacture of Sildenafil Citrate formulation (Viagra is a trade name of M/s Pfizer) using Dextropropoxyphene or Methamphetamine.

(c) No reports have been received about casualities taking place in Mizoram due to the use of Dextropropoxyphene in Spasmoproxyvon.

(d) All the States Drugs Controllers have been specifically instructed to keep a watch that drug formulations containing Dextropropoxyphene are sold only on prescription, with a view to minimize easy availability of these drugs.